



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Rainy Conditions Prevailed in Idaho

Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.2. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 1% very poor, 8% poor, 31% fair, 52% good, and 7% excellent. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal to 8 degrees above normal. Rain conditions prevailed throughout much of the state, stopping field work during the week. Crop and pasture conditions improved from previous week. Increased soil moisture accelerated plant growth throughout the state. Wet weather greatly hindered first cutting of alfalfa while all other crops are looking great from rain conditions. Irrigation water supply began to look closer to normal levels throughout the southeastern region of the state. Payette county extension educator reports evidence of weeds such as kochia and lambsquarters began to grow due to increased moisture conditions. Some hail was reported in Canyon County with some possible damage to onion crop. Stripe rust made its way through cereal crops in the Magic Valley. Major agricultural activities included feeding livestock, hauling manure, planting field corn, dry beans, and potatoes. No severe crop problems or livestock problems were reported.

## Spring Conditions Continued in Washington

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 7% very poor, 12% poor, 32% fair, 42% good, and 7% excellent. In western Washington, dry weather and warm temperatures continued. The fog bank hung over the coast and slowed down cranberry development. Field preparations continued along with first cutting of grass and planting of corn. Apples, pears, and blueberries were sizing up. In central Washington, scattered rain showers were received throughout the region. The moisture benefited winter wheat conditions. Vegetable stands and farmer's markets opened offering asparagus, snap beans, green onions, fresh garlic and beets. Summer squash planted under black plastic showed yellow blooms. This year's cherry crop colored up earlier than normal. Bird management tactics were put in place for anticipated harvest, while hand thinning activities began for this year's apple crop. Thunderstorms were spotty across the east central region; winds were strong during the storm but not severe enough to damage crops. Onions and potatoes continued to emerge nicely and show good condition. Whitman County received adequate moisture for the week, and a small area received a cloudburst and some flash flooding. As a result, some areas in the county will do some reseeding of spring crops and some will not reseed. Most livestock have calved, are off feed and now in spring pastures. No reports were received of crop damage or cattle loss due to weather conditions.

## Much Needed Rains Arrived in Oregon, but the Drought Monitor Continued to Expand

There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 1% very poor, 20% poor, 44% fair, 33% good, and 2% excellent. In the northwestern region corn silage was in early and plants began emerging. Strawberries were in full harvest and some reported two weeks early. Mixed rain and sun conditions during the week. The warmer weather was causing some crops to bolt, already going to seed. Sweet corn planting was at about 70% planted. Grass seed benefited from the rain showers and tall fescue and other perennial grass seed showed signs of pollination. Haying was held up due to wet weather. Cattle and calves were doing well. Pastures were slow to rebound after grazing. In the northern region rain was reported but crops were still very short on moisture. Cherries were on track to begin harvest around May 26<sup>th</sup>. Many blocks reported heavier fruit than expected. The drought monitor continued to expand in central Washington and Oregon. In the northeastern region counties reported receiving a lot of rain, with a few areas experiencing flash flooding but most was absorbed into the soil. Corn was growing well and predicted high temperatures will push growth. In the southeastern region some counties received much needed moisture which improved growing conditions and helped to fill waterholes on range and pasture lands. Irrigation ceased in some areas due to wet weather to conserve water. Other counties reported only spotty showers. Hay crops were looking good and first cuttings will begin soon. Alfalfa was ready for harvest in many counties. In the southwestern area reported spotty showers. River levels continued to fall and were still low with flows at mid-July levels. Orchard, vineyard and berry crops were looking good. Crop development slowed and was closer to 2014 levels. Wet weather held up the first cutting of hay. Insect pressures are great this year and were reported throughout the state. Many insects overwintered due to the mild winter conditions. Spraying programs were being used in many areas of the state.

# Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/24/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	13	72	15
Oregon.....	6	42	50	2
Washington.....	5	32	58	5
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	22	76	-
Oregon.....	8	46	45	1
Washington.....	5	33	61	1

- Represents zero.

# Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	10	26	56	8
Oregon.....	3	10	55	28	4
Washington.....	2	9	49	35	5
Spring wheat					
Idaho.....	-	1	19	65	15
Oregon.....	1	8	17	64	10
Washington.....	1	4	39	50	6
Barley					
Idaho.....	-	-	8	71	21
Oregon.....	-	-	23	72	5
Washington.....	1	2	48	48	1
Potatoes					
Washington.....	-	-	18	72	10
Corn					
Oregon.....	-	-	30	69	1
Oats					
Oregon.....	-	-	2	90	8
Washington.....	-	-	84	16	-
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	35	65	-
Washington.....	-	-	19	74	7
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	40	37	23

- Represents zero.

# Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: May 18 - May 24, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
NORTH													
Coeur d' Alene.....	47	81	63	+7	89	+44	0.00	-0.50	0	19.59	-1.68	92	99
Fenn.....	44	83	62	+5	88	+31	0.29	-0.48	4	28.31	-3.92	88	121
Lewiston.....	52	84	67	+8	122	+55	0.06	-0.29	1	9.21	-0.55	94	83
Bonniers Ferry.....	44	85	64	+8	98	+49	0.00	-0.42	0	18.33	+0.90	105	83
Nezperce.....	38	75	57	+5	47	+20	0.24	-0.46	4	14.90	-0.50	97	130
SOUTHWEST													
Boise.....	47	79	62	+3	86	+15	0.91	+0.63	6	14.20	+3.72	135	129
Emmett.....	49	83	62	+3	86	+16	0.63	+0.35	6	12.53	+0.45	104	73
Glenns Ferry.....	45	78	60	+1	72	+6	0.21	+0.00	7	7.69	-0.74	91	88
Grand View.....	44	81	62	+2	87	+10	0.19	-0.02	3	6.18	+0.41	107	78
Nampa.....	48	78	63	+4	90	+23	0.16	-0.05	2	9.60	+1.17	114	92
Parma.....	51	82	65	+6	105	+38	0.33	+0.05	1	8.54	-0.76	92	74
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Fairfield.....	37	67	53	+0	20	-8	2.98	+2.68	6	13.15	+0.41	103	102
Malta.....	42	68	53	-3	26	-13	2.02	+1.60	5	11.96	+4.02	151	90
Picabo.....	40	68	54	+3	28	+4	1.93	+1.61	6	18.76	+7.90	173	83
Rupert.....	41	68	54	-4	27	-19	1.43	+1.11	7	7.09	-0.86	89	84
Twin Falls.....	43	70	56	+1	45	+0	0.57	+0.22	6	7.68	-1.53	83	71
EAST													
Aberdeen.....	42	67	53	-1	25	-7	1.22	+0.94	6	5.13	-1.76	74	52
Ashton.....	37	67	52	+0	16	-8	0.62	+0.06	7	14.41	-1.30	92	102
Fort Hall.....	41	70	54	+0	27	-4	1.05	+0.67	5	7.08	-2.14	77	83
Idaho Falls.....	40	68	54	+0	29	-5	1.20	+0.82	5	7.86	-0.34	96	61
Lava Hot Springs.....	38	71	52	-3	17	-16	1.77	+1.27	6	13.96	+0.84	106	72
Monteview.....	38	68	54	-2	26	-11	1.12	+0.77	5	4.56	-1.91	70	40
Preston.....	41	72	54	-2	32	-5	1.14	+0.65	6	12.46	-0.18	99	67
Rexburg.....	36	67	53	+1	26	-4	1.04	+0.55	7	9.86	-0.44	96	103

## Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	96	92	92	80
Winter wheat headed .....	34	21	11	4
Barley emerged .....	95	82	84	72
Oats emerged .....	82	75	90	69
Potatoes planted .....	95	87	97	93
Potatoes emerged .....	42	28	25	20
Sugarbeets emerged .....	98	82	86	85
Field corn planted .....	90	67	73	74
Field corn emerged .....	77	42	60	36
Dry edible beans planted .....	70	63	59	41
Dry edible beans emerged .....	31	(NA)	30	17
Dry peas emerged .....	96	93	66	50
Onions emerged .....	92	86	96	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	15	9	15	6

(NA) Not available.

# Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: May 18 - May 24, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham .....	51	75	60	+6	70	+32	0.00	-0.49	0	30.52	-0.67	98	123	
Everett .....	50	73	59	+3	62	+19	0.00	-0.56	0	29.19	-2.86	91	133	
Hoquiam .....	48	61	54	+1	32	+1	0.00	-0.70	0	59.21	-3.70	94	136	
Kelso .....	48	73	59	+3	68	+21	0.00	-0.62	0	34.99	-7.93	82	122	
Olympia .....	43	80	59	+5	67	+34	0.02	-0.47	1	42.59	-4.05	91	128	
Sea-Tac .....	51	78	61	+5	79	+31	0.00	-0.37	0	34.63	+1.21	104	130	
Shelton .....	44	77	58	+2	56	+9	0.18	-0.35	3	57.99	-3.18	95	132	
Tacoma.....	47	78	60	+4	71	+25	0.00	-0.45	0	32.18	-4.07	89	131	
Vancouver .....	50	78	61	+4	77	+19	0.00	-0.53	0	30.76	-2.58	92	126	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	49	86	67	+11	123	+77	0.15	+0.01	2	7.48	-0.12	98	66	
Omak .....	47	88	68	+10	128	+65	0.00	-0.25	0	10.57	+0.69	107	65	
Stampede Pass .....	41	68	54	+10	25	+25	0.45	-0.46	2	44.37	-30.78	59	120	
Wenatchee.....	54	86	70	+10	144	+70	0.20	+0.06	2	7.04	-0.04	99	62	
Yakima AP.....	49	87	70	+13	140	+87	1.05	+0.91	1	6.78	-0.14	98	58	
NORTHEAST														
Colville .....	43	89	66	+11	116	+69	0.00	-0.49	0	14.66	-2.78	84	90	
Deer Park .....	43	84	64	+9	96	+56	0.00	-0.56	0	14.93	-6.53	70	93	
Kettle Falls.....	43	90	65	+7	105	+45	0.18	-0.35	1	13.99	-1.34	91	98	
Spokane .....	49	83	66	+11	114	+71	0.15	-0.22	1	12.69	-1.01	93	88	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	54	87	70	+9	140	+59	0.25	+0.09	1	6.82	+0.47	107	56	
Moses Lake .....	51	87	69	+8	134	+53	0.06	-0.10	1	6.03	-0.32	95	55	
Quincy .....	51	84	67	+7	120	+47	0.48	+0.33	3	8.20	+1.49	122	42	
Ritzville .....	47	82	64	+8	96	+52	0.28	+0.07	2	10.27	-0.09	99	76	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	52	87	69	+6	135	+35	0.06	-0.05	1	4.96	-0.88	85	53	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	49	86	67	+11	124	+72	0.19	-0.09	3	12.89	+0.36	103	87	
Pasco.....	50	87	70	+8	140	+51	0.05	-0.09	1	5.49	-1.36	80	58	
Pullman.....	43	79	61	+8	82	+47	0.38	-0.02	3	17.07	-0.61	97	93	
Silcott Island .....	53	86	69	+10	136	+69	0.04	-0.31	3	7.67	-2.09	79	77	
Walla Walla .....	56	80	68	+8	127	+50	0.18	-0.24	3	14.03	-3.73	79	82	
Whitman Mission.....	48	81	65	+7	109	+46	0.26	-0.02	5	12.05	-0.03	100	97	

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	99	91	97	92
Winter wheat headed .....	46	34	30	25
Barley emerged .....	98	81	92	85
Oats emerged .....	70	50	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes emerged .....	81	69	51	59
Field corn planted .....	96	91	88	85
Field corn emerged .....	61	46	57	56
Dry edible beans planted .....	89	80	87	87
Dry edible beans emerged .....	54	(NA)	62	12
Dry peas emerged .....	77	64	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted .....	98	94	(NA)	(NA)
Onions emerged .....	88	75	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	41	27	32	29

(NA) Not available.

# Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: May 18 - May 24, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria .....	47	63	55	+3	39	+11	0.07	-0.63	3	57.18	-4.33	93	144	
Bandon .....	49	61	55	+3	39	+11	0.01	-0.66	1	53.42	-2.14	96	142	
Florence .....	42	63	54	+0	31	+0	0.58	-0.24	3	69.42	+1.69	102	139	
North Bend .....	52	63	57	+4	55	+20	0.08	-0.63	1	43.69	-17.01	72	117	
Tillamook .....	43	61	56	+4	44	+23	0.08	-0.95	2	53.03	-29.92	64	142	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora .....	50	77	61	+5	75	+26	0.60	+0.04	3	33.36	-5.21	86	138	
Corvallis .....	44	74	59	+4	67	+20	0.11	-0.38	3	33.56	-6.87	83	149	
Detroit Lake .....	49	74	60	+6	69	+31	0.53	-0.65	6	55.12	-25.03	69	128	
Eugene .....	44	74	60	+5	72	+30	0.27	-0.29	4	30.29	-16.94	64	127	
Hillsboro .....	47	77	60	+3	74	+16	0.00	-0.42	0	30.04	-4.76	86	121	
McMinnville .....	48	75	60	+4	75	+24	0.32	-0.10	2	33.66	-5.54	86	127	
Portland .....	52	78	61	+4	80	+22	0.01	-0.52	1	29.93	-3.41	90	123	
Salem .....	49	77	61	+5	79	+31	0.08	-0.39	3	33.33	-3.55	90	118	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass .....	44	76	63	+6	93	+37	0.42	+0.17	2	24.54	-4.92	83	103	
Medford .....	48	75	64	+5	97	+32	0.15	-0.13	3	15.62	-0.99	94	87	
Roseburg .....	51	75	63	+5	93	+28	0.04	-0.33	1	26.13	-5.16	84	103	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon .....	43	74	58	+6	61	+31	0.34	+0.05	4	7.79	-4.32	64	66	
Echo .....	53	86	69	+8	133	+52	0.15	-0.06	3	6.06	-3.09	66	90	
Heppner .....	47	74	62	+5	83	+31	0.30	-0.09	4	8.63	-3.24	73	80	
Hermiston .....	52	84	68	+7	127	+46	0.13	-0.08	3	5.80	-3.35	63	65	
Madras .....	42	75	59	+5	63	+26	0.52	+0.31	3	7.76	-2.24	78	85	
Moro .....	44	80	62	+8	83	+46	0.06	-0.15	2	8.01	-1.94	81	76	
Parkdale .....	42	78	59	+6	67	+35	0.72	+0.50	2	33.75	+4.16	114	124	
Pendleton .....	49	80	64	+6	103	+38	0.23	-0.05	4	9.37	-1.38	87	84	
Prairie City .....	38	71	55	+7	38	+27	1.97	+1.58	6	14.34	-2.95	83	121	
The Dalles .....	54	85	68	+6	125	+36	0.00	-0.14	0	10.70	-2.58	81	74	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake .....	46	76	58	+8	54	+33	1.91	+1.63	5	19.58	+1.69	109	82	
Bend .....	41	69	56	+5	41	+17	1.21	+1.00	6	11.52	+1.99	121	59	
Burns .....	40	76	56	+5	42	+15	0.72	+0.47	5	8.77	-0.08	99	69	
Christmas Valley .....	35	71	53	+3	21	+0	1.04	+0.76	6	7.61	-1.44	84	91	
Klamath Falls .....	39	74	55	+3	38	+10	0.90	+0.69	4	12.56	+2.39	124	73	
Lakeview .....	38	71	53	+1	22	-6	0.71	+0.36	6	9.77	-3.51	74	88	
Lorella .....	38	73	55	+2	34	+5	1.01	+0.76	5	13.07	+3.67	139	81	
Redmond .....	39	75	56	+3	44	+11	1.79	+1.58	5	8.64	+2.01	130	69	
Worden .....	37	75	54	+2	29	+1	0.55	+0.34	4	13.47	+3.30	132	86	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City .....	41	74	58	+5	60	+28	0.62	+0.30	5	6.46	-0.99	87	65	
Joseph .....	41	70	56	+4	43	+18	1.43	+0.87	6	8.20	-6.71	55	58	
La Grande .....	41	73	60	+6	73	+34	0.68	+0.22	5	9.15	-4.82	65	80	
Imbler .....	41	75	60	+6	71	+33	0.28	-0.14	6	14.81	-5.96	71	119	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario .....	51	85	65	+5	110	+35	1.14	+0.93	5	8.90	+0.86	111	68	
Rome .....	45	76	58	+3	55	+16	1.28	+0.93	5	7.66	+0.31	104	53	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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## Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat headed .....	70	24	59	28
Barley emerged .....	99	95	97	84
Oats planted .....	91	87	(NA)	(NA)
Oats emerged .....	64	61	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes planted .....	95	87	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes emerged .....	65	25	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged .....	85	45	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	91	70	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn emerged .....	60	25	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans planted .....	75	60	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans emerged .....	22	8	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas planted .....	89	71	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas emerged .....	32	22	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	22	12	25	21

(NA) Not available.